

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on January 28, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Lila Taylor (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. These minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 recorder and references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) Posted: HB 347, HB 34, 1/25/1999

HEARING ON HB 347Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. John Mercer, HD 74, presented HB 347. **EXHIBIT**(aph22a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - ~~EXHIBIT~~(aph22a02)

EXHIBIT(aph22a03)

EXHIBIT(aph22a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 211 - 318; Comments :

Rep. Mercer proposed an amendment, Exhibit 5.} **EXHIBIT**(aph22a05)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 318 - 348; Comments :

Rep. Mercer discussed alternatives and further explained the intent.}

EXHIBIT(aph22a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Robert J. "Bob" Pavlovich, HD 37

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 348 - 362}

Mick Robinson, Governor's Office

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 407}

Mark Refling, Bozeman CAPS

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 407 - Side : B;

Approx. Time Counter : 001}

Opponents' Testimony:

Verner Bertelsen, Montana Senior Citizens Association

(MSCA)

EXHIBIT(aph22a07)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1 - 147}

Nancy Keenan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 147 - 282}

Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association, Montana Federation of Teachers

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 282 - 418; Comments : referenced page 7, line 7; stated no compromise between HB 133 & 347}

Ron deYong, Montana Farmers Union

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 418 - 422}

Don Judge, AFL/CIO

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 422 - Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter: 001}

Sen. Steve Doherty, SD 24 **EXHIBIT**(aph22a08)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1 - 18; Comments :
Exhibit 8 was presented without testimony at this point in the
hearing.}

Kelly Hubbard, MSCA
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18 - 58}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 58 - 460}

Closing by Sponsor:
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 110; Comments :
The committee recessed for 10 minutes. Reps. Barnhart, P.
Bergsagel, E. Bergsagel and Haines were absent during hearing.}

HEARING ON HB 34

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
Rep. Jay Stovall, HD 16 presented HB 34. **EXHIBIT**(aph22a09)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 110 - 181}

Proponents' Testimony:
Rep. Bill Eggers, HD 6 **EXHIBIT**(aph22a10)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 181 - 216}

Rep. Carol Juneau, HD 85 **EXHIBIT**(aph22a11)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 216 - 373; Comments :
Rep. Juneau explained the proposed amendment (Exhibit 11).}
EXHIBIT(aph22a12)

President Joe McDonald, Salish Kootenai College **EXHIBIT**(aph22a13)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 373 - 433}

Darryl Dupuis, Salish Kootenai College **EXHIBIT**(aph22a14)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 433 - 455}

President Alonzo T. Spang, Sr., Dull Knife Memorial College
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1 - ~~56~~ **EXHIBIT**(aph22a15)}

Stan Juneau, Blackfeet Community College (BCC) **EXHIBIT**(aph22a16)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 56 - 109}

Bob Tailfeathers, Blackfeet Community College

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 109 - 177}

Sharon Little Plumb, BCC

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 177 - 210}

Emily Ferguson-Steger, BCC

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 210 - 237}

Laura Adamson, BCC

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 237 - 279}

Linda Echin, Salish Kootenai College

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 279 - 312}

Keryl Lozar, Salish Kootenai College

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 312 - 352}

Suzanne Kukade, Salish Kootenai College

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 352 - 399}

Roger Hoover, Salish Kootenai College

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 399 - 432}

Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 432 - 454}

Lynette Dupuis, Salish Kootenai College

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Approx. Time Counter : 009}*

Jaymee Johnson-White, Salish Kootenai College

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9 - 24}

Alice Chumrale, Salish Kootenai College

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24 - 58}

Chet Kinsey, MSCA

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 58 - 68}

Opponents' Testimony:

Rod Sundsted, Commission of Higher Education

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 68 - 94}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 94 - 140}

Closing by Sponsor:

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 140 - 150; Comments :
Rep. Juneau participated in the closing remarks.}*

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph22aad)